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1. SUMMARY. SECOND SESSION COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL CONVENED PM MAY 21 BY USYG DE SEYNES. COMMITTEE PROCEEDED ELECT BY ACCLAMATION NAIK (PAKISTAN) CHAIRMAN; ODERO- JOWI (KENYA), LACKO (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) AND CAVAGLIERI (ITALY) VICE- CHAIRMEN; AND BRITO (BRAZIL) RAPPORTEUR. AGENDA CONTAINED DOC E/ C.9/3 ADOPTED WITHOUT COMMENT FOLLOWING WHICH DE SEYNES MADE INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT. STATEMENT WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE COVER. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED, AND COMMITTEE AGREED, TO SHORT GENERAL DEBATE TO COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, AND, HOPEFULL, CONCLUDE ON FRIDAY. FOLLOWING DEBATE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED COMMITTEE MAY WISH PROCEED WITH ITS WORK ON BASIS INFORMAL MEETINGS OF GROUP CENTERED AROUND RAPPORTEUR ALONG LINES EMPLOYED BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR DD- II. END SUMMARY.

2. DE SEYNES STATEMENT FOLLOWED ALONG GENERAL LINES
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OF SYG' S REPORT RESTATING THAT REVIEW AND APPRAISAL INTRODUCES SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ASSURING THAT IDS WILL REMAIN DYNAMIC INSTRUMENT. HE STRESSED THAT JUDGMENTS MUST BE CONTEMPORARY RATHER THAN RETRO-

SPECTIVE. HE POINTED OUT THAT NATIONAL APPRAISALS HAVE NOT BEEN CONCLUSIVE AND SYG' S REPORT BRINGS TO LIGHT PROBLEMS WITH SOME TARGETS IN IDS, NAMELY (1) THAT GNP TARGETS NOT SUFFICIENT TEST FOR PROGRESS, (2) THAT IN ADDITION TO OVERALL TARGET, SUB- TARGETS SHOULD BE AGREED FOR VARIOUS GROUPINGS OF LDC' S, AND (3) THAT THERE SHOULD BE EVALUATION OF THE INEQUALITIES WITHIN A COUNTRY AND SETTING A THRESHOLD OF POVERTY MEASURE AS A MINIMUM STANDARD TO BE PROGRESSIVELY IMPROVED, TO INCLUDE FOOD, HOUSING, CLOTHING, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL CARE (POVERTY DATUM LINE). DE SEYNES ENDED REMARKS WITH COMMENT THAT DURING CURRENT SESSION DELEGATES MIGHT INDULGE IN DEROGATORY DENUNCIATIONS, OR LAUDATORY DECLARATIONS, BUT WHAT IS NEEDED IS CONSENSUS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER UNIVERSAL EFFORTS TOWARD GOALS.

3. IN DISCUSSING WORK OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL COMMITTEE, NAIK POINTED TO RECENTLY AGREED PAKISTAN - NETHERLANDS OMNIBUS RESOLUTION 441 APPROVED BY ECOSOC ON MAY 18 WHICH STATES " THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL SHALL (I) EXAMINE THE OBSTACLES AND REASONS FOR SHORTFALLS IDENTIFIED IN THE VARIOUS SECTORAL AND REGIONAL REVIEWS, AND (II) ON THEIR BASIS AS WELL AS ON ITS OWN CONCLUSIONS RECOMMEND THE MEASURES TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES AND SHORTFALLS, INCLUDING NEW OR REVISED GOALS AND POLICY MEASURES AS REQUIRED."

4. DUE TO GENERAL LACK OF PREPARATION MANY DELEGATIONS, IT WAS AGREED THAT NEXT PLENARY WOULD COMMENCE MORNING MAY 23.
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